

**SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

09/17/2009

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order

09:08 AM

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Molasky Corporate Center, Southern Nevada Water Authority Board
Chambers,
100 City Parkway, Suite 700 (7th floor)
Las Vegas, Nevada

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Shari Buck Chair, Steven Kirk Vice Chair, Duncan McCoy, Susan Brager, Tom Collins, Steve Sisolak, Lois Tarkanian

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Pat Mulroy, Richard Wimmer, Kay Brothers, Chuck Hauser, Cary Casey, Marc Jensen

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathy Ong

ITEM NO.

Unless otherwise indicated, all members present voted in the affirmative.

1. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to approve the agenda for this meeting with the removal of item 2 from the consent agenda and the minutes of the regular meeting of August 20, 2009. The motion was approved.

Item 2 was removed from the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA Items 3-4 are routine and can be taken in one motion unless a Director requests that an item be taken separately.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to follow staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

2. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the existing agreement between Great Basin Bird Observatory and the Authority for research on aquatic and sensitive bird species throughout the Clark, Lincoln and White Pine Counties Groundwater Development Project area and the Warm Springs Natural Area for an amount not to exceed \$145,000.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Tarkanian to follow staff's recommendation. The motion was approved.

BUSINESS AGENDA

5. Approve a joint funding agreement between the U.S. Geological Survey and the Authority for hydrologic data collection for an amount not to exceed \$282,910.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to follow staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

6. Approve an agreement between the Board of Regents, Nevada System of Higher Education on behalf of the Desert Research Institute, and the Authority to continue the assessment of the potential impact of climate change on selected hydrographic basins in eastern Nevada for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Tarkanian to follow staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

7. Approve an assistance agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Authority to receive funding for the Fire Station Weir Bank Protection Project.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to follow staff's recommendation. The motion was approved.

Items 8-13 were taken in one motion.

8. Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute, in substantially the same form, a funding agreement among the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, and the Authority for environmental monitoring associated with the pilot operation of the Yuma Desalting Plant for an amount not to exceed \$88,800.

9. Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute, in substantially the same form, a cooperative research and development agreement among the Bureau of Reclamation, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, and the Authority to contribute in-kind services for research at the Water Quality Improvement Center, Yuma, Arizona for an amount not to exceed \$157,000.

10. Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute, in substantially the same form, a funding agreement among the Bureau of Reclamation, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, and the Authority for the pilot project for operation of the Yuma Desalting Plant for an amount not to exceed \$1,367,716.

11. Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute, in substantially the same form, Exhibit P to the existing Lower Colorado River Basin Intentionally Created Surplus Forbearance Agreement among the Arizona Department of Water Resources, the Palo Verde Irrigation District, the Imperial Irrigation District, the City of Needles, the Coachella Valley Water District, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, and the Authority for the Yuma Desalting Plant pilot operation.

12. Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute, in substantially the same form, a

delivery agreement among the United States of America, by and through the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Reclamation, the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, and the Authority for the Yuma Desalting Plant pilot project.

13. Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute, in substantially the same form, a cooperative research and development agreement among the Bureau of Reclamation, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Central Arizona Water Conservation District and the Authority to fund smaller scale feasibility testing at the Water Quality Improvement Center, Yuma, Arizona, for an amount not to exceed \$183,500.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to follow staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

14. Receive a report on the construction status of Lake Mead Intake No. 3.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

15. Adopt the 2009 Water Revenue Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of Southern Nevada Water Authority Water Revenue Bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$2,750,000.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to follow staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

16. Adopt a resolution requesting the Clark County Board of Commissioners to take the necessary steps toward the issuance of bonds in the approximate principal amount of \$50,000,000 to refinance certain outstanding bonds for the Authority.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to follow staff's recommendations. The motion was approved.

17. Receive a presentation on bond ratings.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

18. Adopt an increase to the Regional Commodity Charge of \$.10 per thousand gallons each year for three years, beginning January 1, 2010.

FINAL ACTION: A motion was made by Director Collins to increase the regional commodity charge of \$.10 per thousand gallons each year for two years. The motion was approved.

19. Receive an update from staff on water resources including, but not limited to, drought conditions in the Colorado River Basin, the results of the implementation of the Authority's Water Resource and Conservation Plans, activities on the Colorado River, and on the development of in-state water resources.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

Public Comment

There were no persons wishing to speak before the board.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

APPROVED:

Shari Buck, Chair

Patricia Mulroy, General Manager

Copies of all original agenda items and minutes, including all attachments, are on file in the General Manager's office at the Las Vegas Valley Water District, 1001 South Valley View Boulevard.